

EXHIBIT B: FACSIMILE COVER SHEET identifying this application by Applicant, serial number, filing date, Art Unit, Examiner and attorney docket number including a CERTIFICATION OF FAX TRANSMISSION dated November 26, 2002 signed by Robin E. Barnum; and

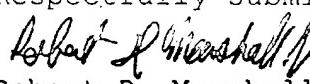
EXHIBIT C: Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission indicating receipt of a facsimile on 11/26/02 2:44:19 PM Eastern Standard Time including a copy of Exhibit B.

During the telephone interview of April 30, 2003, the Examiner stated that response had not been filed to the OFFICE ACTION of October 29, 2002. The Applicant respectfully submits that Exhibits A, B and C show timely transmission of a response and receipt by the Patent Office.

The Applicants respectfully request early consideration on the merits and advance to issue.

If the Examiner has any questions or other correspondence regarding this application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact Applicants' attorney at the below listed telephone number and address to facilitate prosecution.

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